NEW YORK Boycott Colorado

MEDIA ALERT!

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EVENT: THE COLORADO TEA PARTY

DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 13
TIME: 5:30-6:15 P.M. SHARP (The event will be right on time.)
PLACE: SHERIDAN SQUARE
Christopher Street at Seventh Avenue, Greenwich Village

WHAT'S HAPPENING: Gay rights activists are announcing that over one hundred New York restaurants have joined the Colorado boycott. Following a brief (15 minute) rally in Sheridan Square, the crowd will march three blocks to the Christopher Street pier and dump giant boxes of Celestial Seasonings tea, Coors Beer, and Holly Sugar into the Hudson River (Very good photo set-ups).

WHY IT'S HAPPENING: Colorado passed Amendment 2 which strips gays and lesbians of all civil rights protection. New York leads the nation in the boycott response, which protests the law.

TO HELP WITH YOUR STORY: We will have for you at the event:

- ♦local politicians who support the boycott (call for updated list of who will be present)
- ♦gay business people from Denver and Colorado Springs who can tell you how Amendment 2 has affected them, whether the boycott is effective, the reactions in Colorado, etc.
- ♦restaurant owners who have pulled Colorado products from their businesses
- ♦leaders of the activist group NEW YORK BOYCOTT COLORADO and other gay leaders
- ♦current list of the restaurants and of other endorsers of the boycott (Call if you'd like a fax)

RELATED STORY IDEAS: On Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 208 W. 13th St., NEW YORK BOYCOTT COLORADO and City Council member Tom Duane will sponsor a town meeting on Colorado and the anti-gay ballot initiatives of the religious right currently underway in a dozen other states.

NEW YORK BOYCOTT COLORADO has been extremely successful in the promotion of the Colorado boycott in the New York metropolitan area, ranging from the floral industry to persuading celebrities not to work in Colorado. Phone for suggestions and contacts who specialize in each area of the boycott.

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ONE HUNDRED NEW YORK RESTAURANTS
JOIN THE COLORADO BOYCOTT

ACTIVISTS CELEBRATE WITH "COLORADO TEA PARTY"

NEW YORK- Over one hundred New York City restaurants have joined the national boycott of the state of Colorado and its products. They boycott was called in protest to that state's anti-gay Amendment 2 law, which strips gays and lesbians of civil rights protection. The New York restaurants now refuse to serve any Colorado-originating food product until Amendment 2 is overturned or repealed. The major Colorado food producers affected include Celestial Seasonings Tea, Coors Beer, Holly Sugar and Monfort Meats.

To celebrate this milestone, members of the activist group NEW YORK BOYCOTT COLORADO will hold a "COLORADO TEA PARTY" in Greenwich Village on Thursday, May 13. At 5:30, a rally will be held at Sheridan Square on Christopher Street. Following brief speeches by local politicians, gay community leaders, and visiting gay leaders from Colorado, the crowd will march down Christopher Street to the Hudson River, where large prototype boxes of the products will be dumped to symbolize the boycott (the packages will be immediately retrieved and will not affect the environment)